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SUBJ: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND NUCLEAR
ASSISTANCE
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1. FURTHER TO REF A, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN AUTHORITY
TATIVE MFA SOURCE MALAYSIANS NOW BELIEVE IT
LIKELY THAT IRAQI RESOLUTION WILL BE PUT TO A VOTE,
IN WHICH CASE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO VOTE
IN FAVOR OF IT. OUR CONTACT INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH
MALAYSIANS WOULD PREFER DEFERMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID
FOCUS ON CONTROVERSIES OUTSIDE THE GENERAL SCOPE OF
THE CONFERENCE, THE PRESENT MALAYSIAN NATIONAL ELECTION
CAMPAIGN MAKES IT EVEN LESS LIKELY THAT THE GOM WILL
DEVIATE FROM ITS CUSTOMARY PRO-ARAB, ANTI-ISRAEL POLICY.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE REITERATED OUR CONCERN ABOUT
THE IRAQI MOVE AND ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTED WITH
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MALAYSIAN POSITION ARE NOT SURPRISED ABOUT IT.
MALAYSIA'S ELECTORAL DISTRICTING IS WEIGHTED IN
FAVOR OF RURAL AREAS, WHERE CONSERVATIVE MALAY MUSLIMS
GENERALLY PREDOMINATE, AND HENCE THE RULING MULTI-
RACIAL NATIONAL FRONT COALITION IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE
TO FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THIS KEY
CONSTITUENCY. THUS THE GOM'S PRO-ARAB "TILT" IS

LIKELY TO BE EVEN MORE EVIDENT IN THE PERIOD LEADING
UP TO THE JULY 8 PARLIAMENTARY AND STATE ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS.
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